

Rulemaking Comments

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Greetings,

I am sending this message in support of the American Physical Society's "petition for rulemaking", requesting the NRC change its regulations by requiring proliferation assessments. Although this request was prompted by the new laser enrichment (of uranium) technology that GE-Hitiachi is testing at its nuclear fuel complex in Wilmington, NC, it applies to all nuclear power production in the United States. No type of proliferation assessment has been prepared on this sensitive technology even though it could possibly end up being used for clandestine enrichment as a facility, considering the technology is smaller and uses less energy and is harder to detect than current enrichment technologies. WNC Physicians for Social Responsibility supports the efforts of the Nuclear Threat Initiative, supported by Senator Richard Luger and former Senator Sam Nunn, which advocates for the worldwide safeguarding of all fissile materials that could be used to do great harm to our nation.

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